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**Re: Attestation of Support for State of Arizona's Application
State Innovation Models: Round 2 of Funding for Test Assistance**

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Section 1: Introduction – Attestation of Support

Touchstone Behavioral Health, Inc. ("Touchstone") hereby attests to its commitment to and active engagement in Arizona's application for Test Funding for the State Innovation Models (SIM) award. Touchstone believes that Medicaid, the State's largest insurer, is an important lever for driving delivery transformation. In Arizona, the AHCCCS program has been a leader in health innovation and health policy. With steady and strong leadership, AHCCCS has successfully promoted numerous initiatives to transform the healthcare industry. The program's success has also relied on its roots as a public/private partnership. All of these factors, in addition to serving a critical mission, are reasons why Touchstone supported Medicaid restoration and expansion in Arizona.

Touchstone is equally committed to actively striving toward health delivery transformation to yield better health outcomes and lower costs. Accordingly

Touchstone believes it is essential to collaborate with the State of Arizona, both with AHCCCS and the Arizona Department of Health Services, to effectively improve population health and promote system reform from a payment and delivery perspective.

Section 2: Describe your Organization and its role in system reform currently

Touchstone provides behavioral health services to children from birth through age eighteen. It provides these services through a variety of evidence-based programs, outpatient services and its family centered autism program. Approximately ninety percent (90%) of Touchstone's services are provided to Medicaid members.

Touchstone has been reaching out to AHCCCS acute health plans and Qualified Health Plans on the Marketplace as well as other commercial health insurers for several years to offer its services to those plans' members and examine other collaborative arrangements for payment and delivery of services. Likewise it has communicated with all primary care providers who serve its members to ascertain potential relationships and collaboration possibilities.

Touchstone's efforts described above have not only been directed to contracting with health plans and collaborating with PCPs but also to ascertain potential integration opportunities through formal relationships, purchase of a medical practice, co-location, health information exchange, etc. Touchstone has met with the new Maricopa County Regional Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA) as well as the statewide Children's Rehabilitative Services health plan to explore new payment arrangements. It has also met with the Arizona Chapter of the American Pediatric Association to discuss potential integration efforts with pediatricians, and has been working with the Arizona State University Doctor of Behavioral Health Program which trains its students to liaison between physical and behavioral health care.

Touchstone was actively engaged in supporting the Governor's Medicaid Restoration Plan in 2013 and has engaged in exploratory discussions with other behavioral health agencies to participate in a statewide Behavioral Health Information Network (BHINAZ), which provides health information connectivity among behavioral health providers but would also be connected to medical providers. Touchstone continues to support efforts to improve the quality, efficiency and cost effectiveness of health care and its delivery in Arizona.

Section 3: Conclusion: Arizona's SIM Grant Application

Arizona has an active and engaged health care sector that provides quality care to Arizonans across the State. As we supported restoration and expansion of Medicaid in Arizona, we did so with the recognition that this added coverage could be leveraged to support initiatives in payment reform and health care delivery transformation. As Touchstone has embarked on its journey to health reform, we have recognized that there is a need to connect to other initiatives within the State. Moreover, we have come to acknowledge that efforts like addressing super-utilizers, inappropriate use of the emergency department, recidivism in the criminal justice system, care coordination for Arizona's Native American population, among others, cannot be successful if we are not connected and working as one system of care.

Touchstone firmly believes that this proposal breaks down the siloes that currently exist between physical and behavioral health, between providers and payers, and reconnects all of us to the consumers and family members that we all strive to serve. The work that Touchstone is doing is furthered by the SIM process and we are committed to that process and to a positive result.